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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

LIN et al.

Customer No.

26817

Serial No. 10/601,497

Group Art Unit: 1634

Filed: June 23, 2003

Examiner: Jennifer SHIN SHIN

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Title: METHOD AND DETECTOR FOR IDENTIFYING SUBTYPES OF HUMAN

PAPILLOMA VIRUSES

Confirmation No. 4733

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMUNICATION

Sir:

In a March 31, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the reply filed on February 21, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): an election of a HPV subtype, or combination thereof, and their corresponding sequences as indicated on page 3 of the restriction

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requirement mailed January 31, 2006. Applicants hereby elect the combination of all recited subtypes of claim 1.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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